THE FIRST YEAR OF THE U. S. IN THE WORLD WAR

One year ago, April 6th, a naval en- erican sector. Less than three weeks product than the regular Army peosign in the White House wigwagged a lafter the exactment of the Selective ple had expected, and our authority message to an ensign in the State, Service Law the entire male popula- says that "green men can be made War and Navy Building. Instantly tion of the country within draft age- ready to fight in five months." This telegraph wires and carried around sented themselves before some four nation, in the decent sense, even the world. It was on the tongue of thousand boards and registered. The though Germany holds the contrary the man in the street in every part of cost of drafting the army and of the opinion. When asked whether "ready the country, where it was realized operations of the Provost Marshal to fight" with a strange thrill that at last we General was \$10,000,000, and the cost trenches," one officer confines himself were in the World War. The exalta- per man accepted for service was wholly to the necessity for fight. tion of the news could last only tem- \$4.93. Within two weeks of the be- do not like the word trenches," he porarily, but the grim work of our un- ginning of the war contracts had been said. "I want to see the Germans dug dertaking began at once and is now at made covering the requirements of an out and got on the run. The French the punctuation point of a twelve army of one million men, and this mar have dug in and held the Germans month. The least military of the terial comprised 8,700,000 items. Up back. The English also have dug in, high-ranking nations, we ventured per- to February 20, 1918, the Director- but show a tendency of late to force force on a most complicated and vast General of Military Railways had the fighting to the open. It is my hope war-scheme. Recking naught of the placed orders for railway supplies val- and judgment that our men will be the menace of the elements and braving ued at \$142,000,000 and with an aggre- ones to go over the top to make the the terror of submarine and mine, we gate weight of 754,000 long tons. The Germans fight or run." set out to transport millions of fight. General Engineer Depot up to Febru- It is interesting to know that if a ing men three thousand miles from ary 1 issued 9.500 orders for material man in any branch of the Army reour base, a military feat never before valued at \$202,006,000. Such scope veals in his training-period an experattempted in the history of the world and speed of endeavor became the ience in civil life which suits him for And it had to be done immediately more evident when we recall that in duty in some of the more technical The Kaiser spoke brashly in 1914 of 1916 the United States Army almost activities, such as the Signal Corps or England's "contemptible little army" in its entirety was concentrated along Ordnance Department or others, he is What he thought of our military force the Mexican border. Our troops not transferred to such duty. As to treas we got into the fray has not been there were a mere handful in Honolu- close eye kept upon our men, we are published Practically our whole Ar- in and the Philippines At the end of told that from the moment they premy was at the Mexican border in 1914 the first year of the war the whole sent themselves at the receiving of-Such complement as was not there man-power of the nation is in the ser- fice of the camp, each man, until he was in Hawaii and the Philippines vice and within the brief interval of is separated from the military service. Any effort to increase its size was twelve months we have become prac of the Government, is under the confrowned upon as war madness by ob-tically a military nation. According tinuous observation of his superiors servers of pacifist leaning. But de to one informant, we shall not lay and an acurate record of his service ; spite all objection, the will of the ma down our arms to rust at the end of is always available whether he rises jority put through the draft begisla this war although we have always to the commission grade or remains a tion, and while we have not had a done so after wars in the past. But private soldier. Another encouraging "million men spring to arms over this does not mean that we are going fact reported by the Army authorities] night," we have raised an army of to become infected with the virus of is that even under our greatly expand-) nearly two millions within one year Prussian militarism. The opinion of ed conditions it is 'easy to ascertain' Secretary of War Baker in January temeprate judges is that we shall have the status of an individual as it was a stated before the Senate Committee universal military service somewhat year ago when the Army was made up; that early in the second year of the after the system of tre French and of a comparatively small number of war we should have an army of 500. Nulsa The rainbow vision of a mil minor units. This informant also 600 men in France. The vast scope lion springing to arms overnight has points out that precisely the same of of our warehouse and hospital facili sof been realized, but we have created ganizations of smaller units exists to ties at our base on the French coast, an army of over 1,560,000 mm within day as formerly. Regiments are or ; as described in cables recording the a year. This was possible because we ganized into battalions, companies, Secretary a overseas inspection, indi-had men in the National Guard and the platoons and squads, but the regicates plainly that we are planning to National Army to work on and the ments now have been combined into tender the Allies unlimited man-pow trained and experienced officers of our brigades divisions, and army corps er This, however, is only one feat regular Army for their instruction. At present one seldom hears reference and impartial record of the Depart kinds they are indebted and

cy departments necessitated by the lars to be at the disposal of the sollargely through the efforts of this de- for rubbers for the drafted men. It are unmistakably proud of what they advanced as a loan without interest have been able to accomplish No. In looking at the divisions of the one claims particular perfection in all Army as especially designed for this endeavor but the conviction resulting war one remarks that the great mass

hind them a Government that looks the admirable manner in which it has after their physical and moral well been transformed either into infantry fare with the scrupulous conscience of cause of the general conviction among as is well known, was at Cambria, and not a few army authorities that Ger- it has become a commonplace of was many must be mastered on the West, observation that the work of the cav ern front, and because the Allies count so much on our men in khaki, we consider first, though with no invidious done by the Aviation Corps. Practi distinction-for it is the Navy's task

to get them "over there."---Our Army. sign of quick action, it is to be re- son in authority over rembered that Pershing's first con- drafted man w

was transferred to namely, about ten million men-pre- shows that after all we are a military

ure of our many war-efforts which we. The regular Army men are cordial to such and such a regiment, but rathnaturally review at the end of the year in their gratitude to the Red Cross er to this or that division or this or with the question in our mind. "How and auxiliary societies for their ser that Army corps much have we done and how well" sice during the building up of our new; The answer has been sought by the military force. To the various States Literary Digest in the unvarnished also which volunteered help of diverse ments of the Government most close told of the case of one state which if desired. ly knit to the war and of the emergen: raised a fund of some millions of dol ; demands of the war. For obvious res. diers of the new day. The case is some there is nothing to be revealed recorded too of a certain State whose ! of the operations of the Department winter climate is particularly severe ; of Justice. But the whole world now in which there was imperative demand; partment, has become acquainted with was beyond the power of the Army at and workings the moment to meet the the knowledge chiefly whereupon the State outfitted the men desired to that its agents be trapped with rubbers. Again, we hear of a as so many have been. The authori. State offering to privide money to new have been loath to officers so that they could property "blow their own horn, although they equip themselves. The money was

from the inquiry is that the major of all who bear arms are in the infanpart of their work has been striking try for owing to fighting conditions ly successful. They do not stop to "the Army is infantry" with the necesthink about success or failure unless sary complement of artillery. The in | they are asked for an accounting of fantry to the largest branch of the their stewardship but they do go on service because to quote a military from day to day planning and build authority it must be at every point? ing and achieving toward the one fixed of contact with the enemy unremittingly To succeed with the Army. Within the past sixty days much ad our infantry must be pushed over the verse criticism has been heard, not on enemy, and all effort of every branch ly in certain organs of publication, of the Army should have this ultimate but in our halls of national legislation object. The Navy pushes the infan-Senator Chambertain and Senator try toward the battle front, and the ar-Hitchcock, whose patriotism is above tillery drives it farther and farther suspicion, have been the most distin- toward the enemy's lines. The infanguished, perhaps, of the above critice try looks to the artillery for assistance The Literary Digest has duly recorded in time of trouble more than ever be. Kills the Worm as Well as the Germ all such criticisms, and now presents fore in the history of warfare, and the results of its first-hand investiga- these two arms of the service are so tion strictly as they were secured dependent upon each other for suc- Your Money Returned if not Satisfied through the courteous co-operation of cess and self-preservation that they a host of men in the service. The ma have become very closely knitted. Hackett's Gape Cure, 35c., postpaid. tertal here presented has been submit. The big guns of the artillery must be Hackett's Louse Powder, 35c,postpaid ted for approval of the military cen able to reach every point of contact sor and of the various heads of de with the enemy but owing to the lonpartments herein represented, whose ger range of the artilleryman's weacourtesy is deeply appreciated, and it pon, he need not be so numerous as is offered to the American public not the infantryman As has been the only as a matter of journalistic enter case with our cobeligerents, the cav; prise, but as somewhat of a public alry of our Army has not been called service, so that the men, women and upon to prove itself as cavalry, but children of the land shall be calmly the personnel of this branch, we are our fighting men on told has "thoroughly demonstrated its land, on sea, and in the air have be adaptability and devotion to duty by

or artillery." The only opportunity until now offered the British cavairy. lary in former conflicts, which was serve as the eyes of the Army, is now cally all the men taken into the sea vice are first placed in the infantry. the artillery, or the cavalry, and while In the first year of the war the Ar these services are made up of a grea my was increased from 9,524 officers number of men, they are so organized and 202,510 enliested men to 123,801 that each individual receives person. officers and 1,528,924 enlisted men. As attention and supervision from the pa tingent of troops landed safe at the camps does not become lost in the French port eigty-eight days after the crowd, but is at once placed under a

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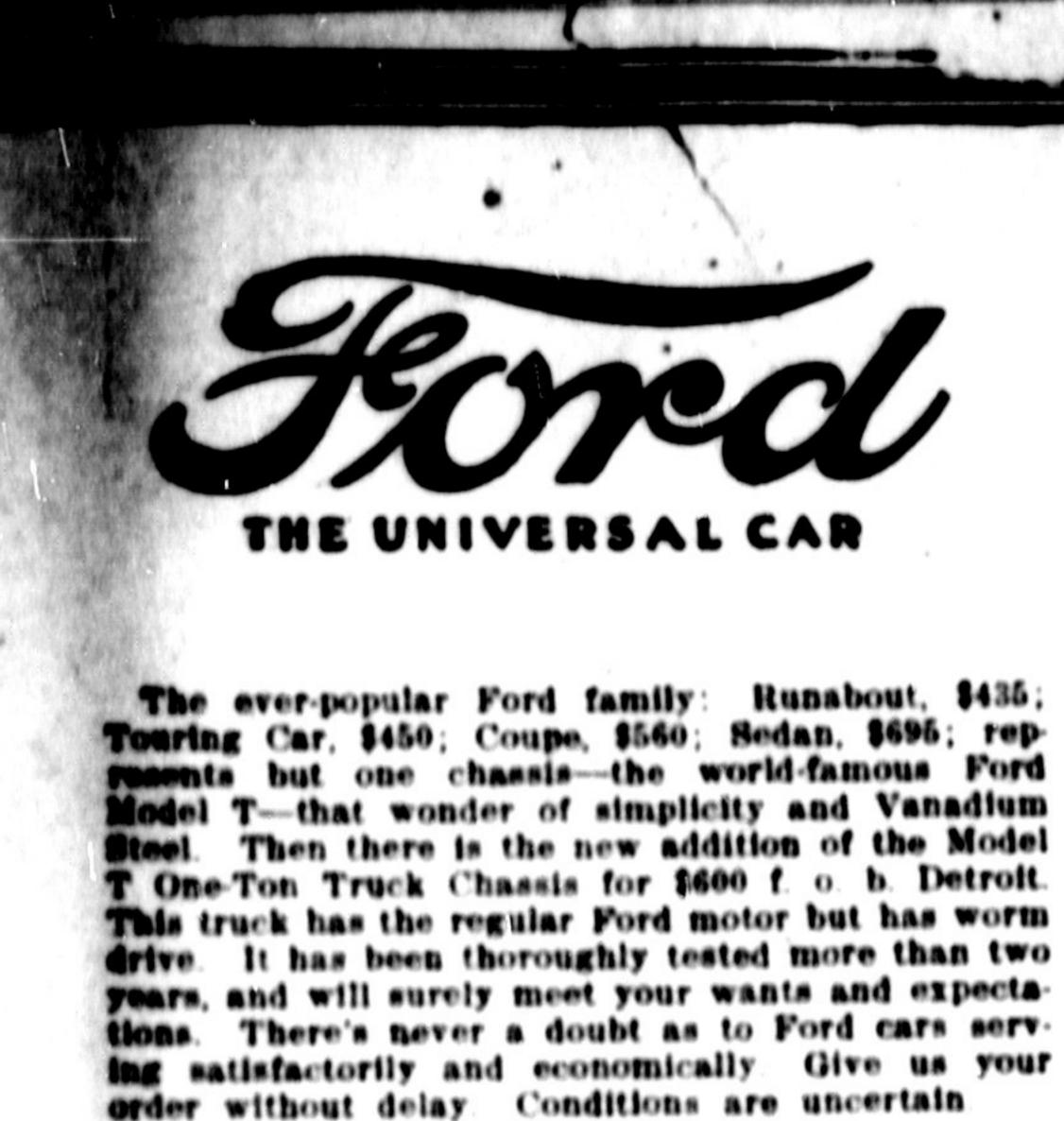
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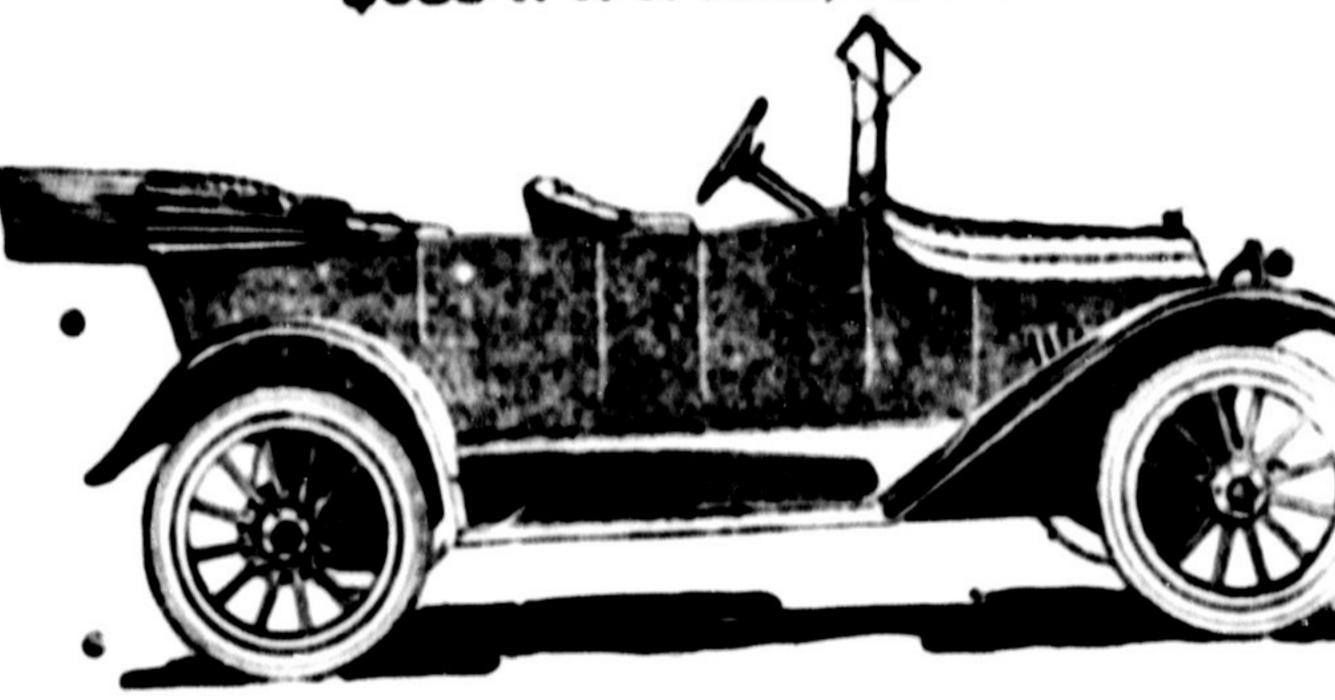
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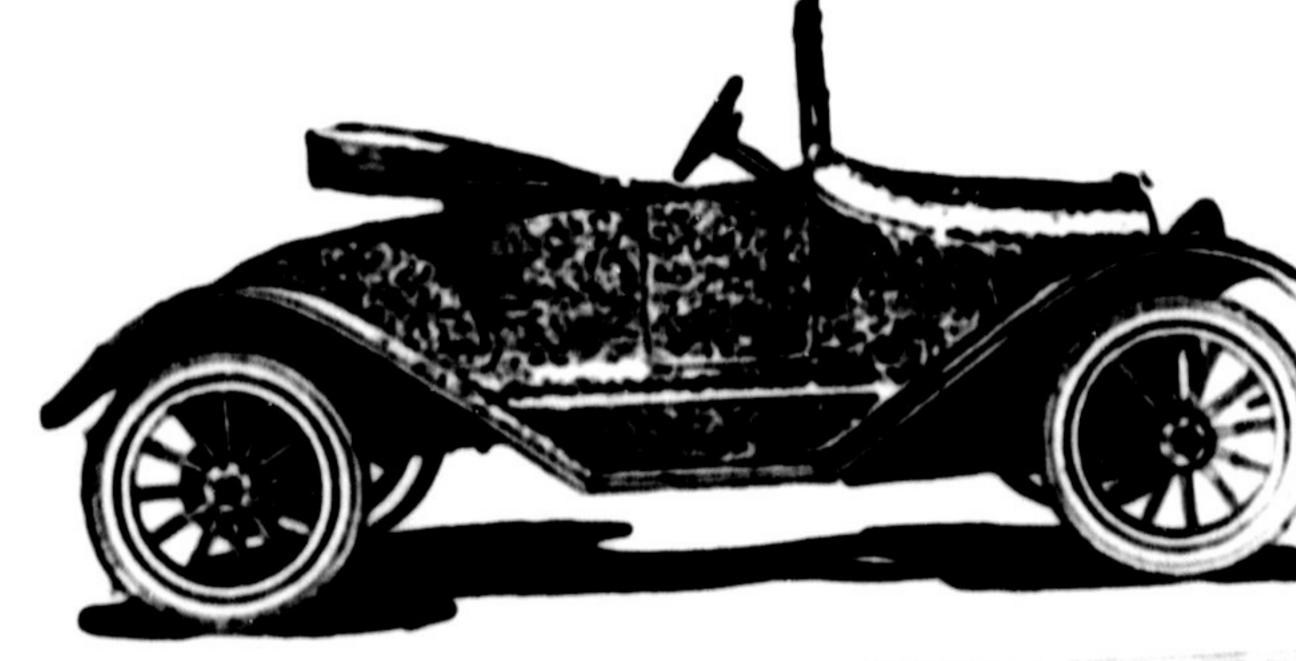


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